

**Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation
Division of Professional Regulation**

**Illinois Optometric Licensing and Disciplinary Board
Open Minutes**

Date: March 18, 2021
 Meeting Convened: 10:33 a.m.
 Meeting Adjourned: 11:36 a.m.
 Locations: Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation
 Division of Professional Regulation Via Interactive Webinar

Board Members Present: Janice M. McMahon, O.D., Chairperson
 Mark D. Esarey, O.D., Vice-Chairperson
 Charlotte F. Nielsen, O.D., Member
 Brian Sehy, O.D., Member
 R. Scott Wooley O.D., Member

Board Members Absent: Valerie Sims-Rucker, Public Member

Visitors Present: Leigh Ann Vanausdoll, Illinois Optometry Association

Staff Present: Keri Ginger, Board Liaison
 Janel Haretoun, General Counsel
 Yadira Lazcano, Intern

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Welcome and Introductions	<p>The Board members, DPR staff and guest introduced themselves.</p> <p>Janel Haretoun, Legal Counsel, informed the Board of updated federal COVID-19 guidelines that include optometrists in the COVID-19 vaccine administration plan. The Department is working to implement a proclamation allowing optometrists to administer COVID-19 vaccines in Illinois.</p>	
Approval of Minutes	The Open Minutes from the January 21, 2021 board meeting was reviewed by the Board Members.	Motion was made and seconded (Nielsen/Sehy) to approve as amended the January 21, 2021 Open Minutes of the Optometric Licensing and Disciplinary

		Board meeting. Motion approved by roll call vote. Ayes – Esarey, McMahon, Nielsen, Sehy, Wooley
Old Business	The Board Members discussed the vacant Coordinator and Board Member positions.	
New Business	The Board readdressed publishing the approved CE Sponsor list to the profession webpage. The Board and Leigh Ann Vanausdoll discussed the new pending telehealth legislation. Telehealth is currently within scope of practice but does not address any guidelines for practice.	
Closed Session	No closed session held.	
Chairman Time	The Board Chair discussed Continuing Education requirements and possible changes to the Administrative Rules.	
Board Liaison Time	The next meeting of the Optometry Board, May 20, 2021, is tentatively scheduled as a virtual meeting. The Board was given the following board meeting dates for Fiscal Year 2022: July 15, 2021- Chicago September 16, 2021 - Springfield November 18, 2021 - ICO January 20, 2022 - Chicago March 17, 2022 - Springfield May 12, 2022 - Chicago	
Adjournment		A motion was made and seconded (Nielsen/Esarey) to adjourn the Optometric Board Meeting at 11:36 a.m. Motion approved by roll call vote. Ayes - Esarey, McMahon, Nielsen, Sehy, Wooley